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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**  
**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration**  
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**MINUTES**

Thursday, July 10, 2008 Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Hybarger, Chairperson  
Timothy Jones, Vice Chair  
Sandra Aronberg  
Bradley Nuremberg

**STAFF PRESENT**

Janice A. Davis  
Garen Khachian

**INVITED GUESTS**

Ron Beason, Local Field Director, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation  
Anne Foss, Optimist Club of Whittier  
Melissa L. Nicholson, Executive Director, Preserve Manager and Office Administrator, Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Incorporated  
Adria Wilson, Event Specialist, Hollenbeck Recreational Center  
Brian Young, Events Coordinator, State Department of Fish and Game

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2008 MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Nuremberg, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved the April 10, 2008 minutes with the following changes:**

- On page 2, under "Presentation and possible action regarding Grant application submitted by Mr. Derek Fong, representing Santa Clarita Quail Unlimited, pertaining to funding for Youth Sports Fishing and Summer Camp Program" last paragraph, please change "Chair Hybarger" to "*Vice Chair Jones*" stated that...

- On page 5, under “Annual San Gabriel Mountains Bighorn Sheep Survey Report and Status Report for the San Gabriel Mountains Bighorn Sheep Restoration Plan – Jeff Villepique, State Department of Fish and Game”, change “Have been conducted at Cattle Canyon, in the Angeles National Forest to protect the area.” to “are planned for Soledad Canyon and other areas in the Angeles National Forest.”

## **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Janice Davis, Commission Services reported the following:

- The Fish and Game Commission meeting scheduled for October 9, 2008 is being rescheduled to October 2, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in room 374-A.
- Mr. Greg Blair from the Los Angeles Superior Court responded by e-mail to the Commissions question from the April 10, 2008, Fish and Game Commission meeting.
  - When a defendant is cited for violation 714(a) Fish and Game Code (fishing without a license), the Judge, at his discretion may remove and/or dismiss the violation if the defendant presents proof of having a license.

## **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reported that the current Fish and Game Commission fund balance is \$88,061.64. The two Grants listed below totaling \$5,150 will be paid in the next few weeks.

- “Cerritos Fishing Derby” event at Cerritos Regional Park on June 7, 2008 - \$2,500.
- “Youth Wildlife Conservation Summer Sports Camp” event at Camp Three Falls/Lake on June 29, 2008 - \$2,650.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Vice Chair Jones, the Commission unanimously received and filed the financial report.**

## **PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY MR. RON BEASON, REPRESENTING U.S. SPORTSMEN’S ALLIANCE FOUNDATION, PERTAINING TO FUNDING FOR THE “TRAILBLAZER ADVENTURE PROGRAM” TO INTRODUCE NONTRADITIONAL FAMILIES TO AMERICA’S OUTDOOR HERITAGE**

Mr. Ron Beason, Local Field Director, U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance Foundation gave a presentation requesting a Grant of \$5,000.00 for the “Trailblazer Adventure Program.”

- The “Trailblazer Adventure Program” is a national education program designed by the “U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance Foundation” to introduce nontraditional families to America’s outdoor heritage.
- The program works with youth organizations i.e.: “Boys Scouts of America” and hosts events across the United States to educate youth and their families on outdoor activities.

- The “Trailblazer Adventure Program” is provided at no charge to the youth-serving the organization. Since its inception in the fall of 2001, the “Trailblazer Adventure Program” has served 50,000 participants nationwide.
- Trailblazer partnered with the “San Gabriel Valley Council Boy Scouts of America” and sponsored an event on June 7, 2008 at Santa Anita Park. This was a community event open to the public.

**On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg, the Commission unanimously approved postponing the grant decision to a future meeting, to allow the “U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance Foundation” to respond to the Commission’s request for additional information regarding this grant.**

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION  
SUBMITTED BY MS. ADRIA WILSON AND MS. ANNE FOSS, REPRESENTING THE CITY  
OF LOS ANGELES AND MONTEBELLO OPTIMIST CLUB, TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO  
STOCK HOLLENBECK LAKE FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2008 “YOUTH FISHING DERBY” EVENT  
AT HOLLENBECK PARK**

Ms. Adria Wilson, Event Specialist, Hollenbeck Recreation Center and Ms. Anne Foss, Optimist Club of Whittier gave a presentation requesting a Grant of \$2,500 to stock catfish for the “Youth Fishing Derby” event at Hollenbeck Park Lake on November 1, 2008.

- The event will be held at Hollenbeck Park Lake for primarily low-income families and will also be open to the community. This is an annual tradition for the Boyle Heights Community.
- The “City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation,” and the “California Department of Fish and Game” are supporting the event. The event promotes sportsmanship, safe and ethical angling and community participation. Three to five hundred children are expected to attend.

Mr. Brian Young, Events Coordinator, State Department of Fish and Game gave the following report:

- The “State Department of Fish and Game” will be stocking the lake with one thousand pounds of catfish and provide two hundred rods and reels for this event. Additionally, the lake receives five hundred pounds of catfish each month from the “State Department of Fish and Game.”

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg, the Commission unanimously approved the grant request for \$2,500 to purchase catfish to stock Hollenbeck Park Lake for the November 1, 2008 “Youth Fishing Derby” event.**

**PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION  
SUBMITTED BY MS. MELISSA L. NICHOLSON, REPRESENTING DESERT TORTOISE  
PRESERVE COMMITTEE INC., PERTAINING TO FUNDING FOR “THE HIGH DESERT  
DISCOVERY LOOP WEB AND BROCHURE DEVELOPMENT AND RESTORATION  
PROJECT”**

Chair Hybarger informed Commission members that Commissioner Nuremberg will abstain from voting on this item.

Ms. Melissa L. Nicholson, Executive Director, Preserve Manager and Office Administrator, Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee Incorporated, gave a presentation requesting a Grant of \$5,630. for the “High Desert Discovery Loop Web and Brochure Development and Restoration Project.”

- The purpose of the “High Desert Discovery Loop Web and Brochure Development Restoration Project” is to increase the knowledge of the Mojave Desert and the plight of the threatened desert tortoises in Los Angeles County.
- The brochures will inform the public of safer recreation practices, the proper behavior when wild life is encountered, increase the likelihood of violations being reported, improve relations between the public and monitoring agencies, and proper disposal of trash.
- The purpose of the “High Desert Discovery Loop Web and Brochure Development Restoration Project” is to restore the desert tortoise’s native habitat and to support the healthy population of desert tortoise’s and other species that share the habitat.
- The desert tortoise is not an endangered species there are 45,000 tortoises living in the Mojave Desert. The preserve area is open to the public 365 days of the year.
- Due to diseases, a captive desert tortoise can not be returned to the wild. Illnesses resulting from captivity is the major factor of endangering the desert tortoise species.

**On motion by Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, with a vote of two ayes: Commissioners Jones, and Aronberg, and one nay: Chair Hybarger, the Commission approved a Grant Request of \$2,000 as discretionary funds for the “High Desert Discovery Loop Web and Brochure Development and Restoration Project.”**

**AS SUBMITTED BY MR. STEVE HOLL (STEVE HOLL CONSULTING), DISCUSSION AND  
POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO A PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT PRESCRIBED  
BURNS WITHIN ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FOR THE PURPOSE OF HABITAT  
IMPROVEMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE “2004 BIGHORN SHEEP RESTORATION  
STRATEGY”**

Currently due to habitat conditions, local residents are opposed to implementing prescribed burns within the Angeles National Forest for the purpose of habitat improvement, as a result the commission decided not to take any action.

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME UPDATES – BRIAN YOUNG (FISHING IN THE CITY)**

Mr. Brian Young, Events Coordinator, State Department of Fish and Game, gave the following report:

- “Cerritos Fishing Derby” event at Cerritos Regional Park on June 7, 2008, was a success.
- A proposal for inclusion of waiver on renting poles for fishing events is being discussed by State legislators.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

- The discussion of promotional items to publicize the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission will be continued to a future meeting.

Commissioner Jones gave the following report:

- He attended the “Wild Life Tour” scheduled by the “Kern County Wildlife Resource Commission” on July 9, 2008.
- A volunteer activity to reduce the amount of trash littered throughout the “San Gabriel River Valley District” was implemented on the weekend of July 4, 2008, by providing trash bags to campers and visitors donated by CalTrans.

Chair Hybarger gave the following report:

- He attended the “Youth Wildlife Conservation Summer Sports Camp”; held on June 25-29, 2008, at Camp Three Falls”; it was a well organized event. The only downside was due to the water temperature of the lake the majority of the trout stocked by the “Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission” died.
- He attended the “Cerritos Fishing Derby” event held on June 7, 2008, at “Cerritos Regional Park” and it was a well organized event.
- He spoke with Mr. Nick Bechtel, Special Hunt Coordinator, State Department of Fish and Game, who stated that four (4) Pheasant Hunts will take place in Los Angeles County in Peace Valley.

**Matters not on the Posted Agenda (To be Presented and Placed on the Agenda for a Future Meeting)**

Lead Shot Ammunition Ban

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Brian Young, Events Coordinator, State Department of Fish and Game, thanked the Commission for supporting fishing events and programs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Vice Chair Jones and seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division